

**GRENADA'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI**

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Ambassador Dessima M. Williams of Grenada in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

PERMANENT MISSION OF GRENADA TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS,  
*New York, NY, October 1, 2009.*

Hon. FALEOMAVAEGA ENI HUNKIN,  
*Representative for American Samoa, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.*

Hon. HUNKIN: It is with a sense of grief that I express, on behalf of the Government and people of Grenada and myself, our deepest sorrow and sympathy to the Government and people of American Samoa and yourself on the loss of lives and destruction caused by the recent Tsunami. Our heartfelt condolences go out to your people and, in particular, to the grieving families and friends.

As you are aware, Grenada is very concerned about the vulnerability of island nations to such natural disasters and of the negative effects such disasters bring to the development of our countries. However, it is our sincere belief that through the strength, resilience, and persistence of the people as well as the diligence of the Government of American Samoa, the challenges caused by this extremely difficult circumstance could be overcome.

I take this opportunity on this grave occasion to extend Grenada's commitment and solidarity to the Government and people of American Samoa.

Sincerely yours,

DESSIMA W. WILLIAMS,  
*Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative.*

**REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI**

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Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Jason C. Yuan, representative of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the United States in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL  
REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE  
UNITED STATES,  
*Washington, DC, September 30, 2009.*

Hon. ENI FALEOMAVAEGA,  
*House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN FALEOMAVAEGA: On behalf of the government and the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan), I am writing to express our deepest condolences and support for the people of American Samoa after a massive tsunami hurled by a powerful earthquake yesterday.

I was greatly saddened by the tragic loss of life, as well as the damage to property, livelihoods and power outages. My thoughts and prayers are with the injured, the families who lost their loved ones and those who remain missing.

I also have offered our willingness to help in our most recent communications with officials in the Obama Administration. Please do not hesitate to inform me if we can be of assistance for the relief and recovery efforts.

With deepest sympathy,

JASON C. YUAN,  
*Representative.*

**PALAU'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI**

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OF AMERICAN SAMOA  
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Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from President Johnson Toribiong of the Republic of Palau in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I was shocked and deeply saddened this morning when I found out that your beautiful islands were devastated by an earthquake and tsunami. I became more and more distressed throughout the day as the news reports advised just how devastating the tsunami had been. Words cannot truly express how heartrending that news was to me.

My deepest sympathies go out to you and to the people of American Samoa, especially the victims of this tragic disaster. Please convey my heartfelt condolences to your elected and traditional leaders and to your people. The Republic of Palau and I stand ready to assist your recovery efforts in whatever way we can. Please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

JOHNSON TORIBIONG.

**THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI**

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd of Australia as Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.

On behalf of the membership of the Pacific Islands Forum, I wish to formally convey our deepest condolences to Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga for the tragic loss of life as a consequence of the tsunami that struck on the morning of 29 September. Our prayers go out to all of those families who have lost loved ones and those injured or displaced by this tragic event.

I am confident that the Pacific family will do all it can to support the relief efforts in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga.

As Chair of the Forum, I urge the broader international community to mobilise in support of the relief and recovery efforts and long term reconstruction of the villages and infrastructure devastated by the impacts of both the tsunami and the earthquake.

KEVIN RUDD,  
*Chair.*

**AUSTRALIA'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI**

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Ambassador Dennis Richardson of Australia in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA,  
*Washington, DC, October 5, 2009.*

Hon. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA,  
*Chairman, Sub-Committee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN, I am writing to extend my condolences for the loss of lives and large-scale damage experienced in American Samoa following the 30 September 2009 earthquake and the resulting tsunami.

Australia was pleased to be able to respond immediately to requests for assistance from our Pacific neighbours Samoa and Tonga, both of which were also devastated by the earthquake. Australia is providing both countries with disaster relief items, including food, clothing, shelter and medical supplies, and stands ready to offer further assistance as needed.

I understand you travelled immediately to American Samoa to survey the damage first hand and lend your support to relief efforts. I wish you well in these endeavours.

I have attached a 30 September 2009 statement by the Australian Prime Minister, the Honourable Kevin Rudd, in his capacity as the current Chair of the Pacific Island Forum, conveying his deepest condolences to Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga for the tragic loss of life as a consequence of the tsunami.

Yours sincerely,

DENNIS RICHARDSON.

**HONORING ERIC DEAN WALLACE**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Dean Wallace, a very special young man, who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Eric has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.